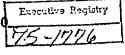
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Honorable William E. Colby Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

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- (U) We are currently in the process of upgrading the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS) so that it will be capable of interactive operation in FY-77.
- (C) The improved network will provide more effective interaction with COINS files by analysts at the various agencies. Additional interactive systems such as NSA's SIGINT On-Line Intelligence System (SOLIS) and the planned new NPIC computer will be able to tie in with COINS II.
- (C) At present no computer in the CIA Headquarters building is tied to the COINS network. CIA extracts certain of its files and reformats them on magnetic tape for entry into the COINS network through NSA. These files would be more useful from an analyst standpoint if they were online with real time access similar to the way files are handled at other agencies. It is suggested that CIA consider the possibility of using its own computer to handle the CIA headquarters files for the COINS II network. Under such an arrangement, the COINS Project Office would fund for and provide a minicomputer to interface with the CIA host computer.
- (U) We have also taken action to make the COINS Project Management Office more of a community venture. DIA intends to assign a senior staff member to the COINS Project Management Office on a full-time basis. I believe it would be helpful if staff members from CIA and NPIC were also assigned to the Project Management Office, to give the Project Manager a day-to-day awareness of the needs of the community he serves.
- (U) We would appreciate your views on both of the above matters. The COINS Project Manager, George Hicken (688-6375), is available to provide assistance to your staff in carrying out the planning.

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